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Att: Dockets Management System (DMS)

Re: Emergency Medical Kit – Proposed Ruling. (Docket No. FAA-2000-7119) - 31

We are students at FIU and would like to voice our opinion about the aforementioned proposed ruling.

We researched the situation right now with the some of the airlines and feel very comfortable with the ruling. Although the advanced emergency kit has some very cumbersome machinery, the statistics show that most of the airline medical emergencies are of the cardiac nature and we also found out that most of the pressure to update the medical emergency kits comes from doctors who have been face with the emergencies and have been unable to provide better assistance.

The defibrillator is pretty much self operated and with some medical training of the crew they should be able to assist until the plane is landed and professional assistance is properly delivered.

We would like to suggest the following:

- ☐ Find a way to make non-American airline carriers implement something similar, as it is not even considered at the present moment.
- ☐ Propose the hiring of registered nurses to be on board in case of more advanced needs. (One per flight should be enough)

In the interest of helping the FAA to achieve safer flying standards, we decided to convey our opinion to you and the rest of our fellow students so they too can help in voicing their opinions.

Sincerely,

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